

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The starter according to claim 1~~ A starter, comprising:

a motor generating a rotation force; and

a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier that has a first surface and

a second surface opposite to each other and forms gear shafts projecting from the first surface

and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting from the first surface in a

direction same as that of the gear shafts,

the projections and the gear shafts are integrally formed with the planet carrier,

and

~~wherein~~ each of the gear shafts and the projections is disposed such that a base

portion connecting to the surface of the planet carrier forms a rounded corner.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The starter according to claim 3,~~ A starter, comprising:

a motor generating a rotation force; and

a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier that has a first surface and

a second surface opposite to each other and forms gear shafts projecting from the first surface

and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting from the first surface in a direction same as that of the gear shafts,

the projections and the gear shafts are integrally formed with the planet carrier,

the gear shafts are arranged on a first circle having a center that is coincident with a rotation axis of the planet carrier and the projections are arranged on a second circle having a center that is coincident with the rotation axis of the planet carrier, wherein the second circle has a diameter different from that of the first circle and ~~wherein~~ each of the gear shafts and the projections is disposed such that a base portion connecting to the surface of the planet carrier forms a rounded corner.

13-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A starter, comprising:

a motor generating a rotation force; and

a planetary reduction gear device that reduces a speed of rotation of the motor,

wherein

the planetary reduction gear device has a planet carrier forming gear shafts projecting from a surface of the planet carrier and a plurality of planetary gears supported by the gear shafts,

the planet carrier further forming projections projecting in a direction same as that of the gear shafts, and

each of the gear shafts and the projections is disposed such that a base portion connecting to the surface of the planet carrier forms a rounded corner.

20. (Previously Presented) The starter according to claim 19, wherein

the gear shafts are arranged on a first circle having a center that is coincident with a rotation axis of the planet carrier and the projections are arranged on a second circle having a

center that is coincident with the rotation axis of the planet carrier, wherein the second circle has a diameter different from that of the first circle.